# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# WATER RESOURCES
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2060
ANSWERED ON:12.03.2001
MASANJORE DAM
MAHBOOB ZAHEDI

**Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:**

(a) whether an agreement was signed between West Bengal and Bihar Governments for the release of water for irrigation from Masanjore Dam in Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have received any complaints about non-implementation of the agreement by any of the State;

(d) if so, whether the Union Government propose to intervene into matter and resolve the dispute between the States; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) & (b) The inter-State agreement signed between West Bengal and Bihar on 19.7.1978. covers inter-alia the operation of Mayurakshi (Masanjore) dam for the benefit of the two States.

(c) to (e) On a query by the Central Government, the Government of West Bengal have informed that the issue of release of irrigation water from the Masanjore dam has been amicably resolved with the Government of Jharkhand after official-level meetings and releases from the dam have been made on 5th February, 2001.